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EDITORIAL

I'm delighted to report that after appealing for help in the Village News to find their lost cat, the Sedgwick family have been reunited with Stanley! Thank you to all the people who telephoned and looked for him, especially Joanne.

Our Chairman, Simon Gould, has decided to resign and we would like to thank him for the years he has spent both supporting and leading the Community Association and wish him well.

*Anna Morley
Editor*

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Dear Editor

Dear Editor

The overwhelming majority of dog owners in the village are highly responsible people who make every effort to remove the evidence of their dogs' fouling and use the bins provided. However in recent months I have become increasingly annoyed and frustrated by the few owners who persistently allow their pets to defaecate on the pavements and fail to remove the resultant deposits. The streets around the Summervale estate are particularly fouled and even Worcester Road opposite the shops is not immune.

This is not only inconsiderate and thoroughly anti-social but also demonstrates a lack of respect for other Hagley residents and the village environment. It is also illegal! Please clean up after your pets. Thanks you.

Mrs Sarah Parkin

Dr Richards and Helen Taylor are right to draw our attention to the lamentable lack of consultation between Bromsgrove District Council and the residents of Hagley over the closure of Haybridge Sports Centre. Once again decisions, which will ultimately affect the health and well being of the community, are made by the elite few, our so called "local representatives". There are now three recent decisions which impact on us all:

1. The closure of the sports facility
2. The decision to impose car parking fees which will just force more cars to park in the side roads and add to the general level of congestion.
3. The £30 fee for the collection of recyclable waste or in the case of my road, the withdrawal of this service.

In regard to the latter I have had lengthy correspondence with our M.P. (not a very fruitful exercise), with copies to our District Councillor, all to no avail and in the case of the District Councillor not even meriting a reply.

Dr Richards and Helen Taylor deserve all our support and we deserve representatives who understand their first duty should be to us, the residents of Hagley.

Yours faithfully, Ed Shore

As I was concerned at the general level of crime occurring presently in Hagley, I have managed to obtain the following statistics from West Mercia Police Constabulary covering the Hagley Ward (including neighbouring villages) area:

Total Crime: Oct-Dec 2007 49 offences. Oct-Dec 2008 75 offences. 53% increase.

Burglaries: Oct-Dec 2007 7 offences. Oct-Dec 2008 15 offences. 114% increase, classed as "above average".

Vehicle crime: Oct-Dec 2007 12 offences. Oct-Dec 2008 21 offences. 75% increase, classed as "high" crime area.

Additionally, the following figures are for the current year April 2008 to 25 January 2009:

Burglary:	62 offences.	Detection rate 14.5%	Target 20%
Theft of vehicle:	33 offences.	Detection rate 6.1%	Target 20%
Theft from vehicle:	102 offences.	Detection rate 2.9%	Target 14%
Criminal damage:	86 offences.	Detection rate 5.8%	Target 20%
Drug offences:	29 offences.	All detected "In possession".	
Anti-social incidents:	421		

Based then on the information I have supplied above, I shall leave it up to my fellow residents of Hagley to decide whether or not they should share my concerns regarding current crime levels.

Yours faithfully, Peter Rowbottom

I am very glad that I was born in Hagley. It is a beautiful village and the people are wonderful to live amongst. During the last year I suffered a heart attack and was really thrown out of my usual life pattern. With the help of my husband I recovered. Sadly he died very suddenly just before Christmas. On both occasions I received so much kindness, love and understanding, not only from my wonderful neighbours but from many in the village that I did not know so very well ... I have so many lovely cards, had so many flowers, phone calls and visits so I was not left to feel alone. Thank you to everyone who supported me through this difficult time.

Joyce Coley

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There will be a barbecue, drinks tent and cream teas in the church. Many bargains and lots of attractions, more news later.

Would you like to help us? We need cakes and other items for stalls and also helpers as we are quite a small group. The money raised will go towards improvements at the church in order that it may be used more for concerts, music festivals, village groups and other events... We do need to have more toilets for everyone including the disabled who attend our events. We hope to share with the cricket club. Please help us to make these improvements to our lovely village.

Joyce Coley 884061
Chairman of the Friends of St John

HAGLEY HELPLINE AGM

Helpline will be holding its Annual General Meeting in St. Saviour's Church Centre on Wednesday, 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

We offer a warm welcome to all our supporters, volunteers and clients. We should be pleased to welcome new volunteers – we particularly need more volunteer drivers – so if you feel you could help in this valuable service do come along and meet the Committee and other members of Hagley Helpline.

If you are unable to come to this meeting but would still like to help us, please call in (Church Office at St. Saviour's) or telephone on 886696 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. any weekday.

Anne Garth, Liaison Officer

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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CAR PARKING

Our proposed parking scheme for the Worcester Road car park is still being consulted on with stakeholders. We will keep you informed. Please watch for future notices on our notice board, the website and the Village News.

REMINDER

The playing field, the car park, the train station and much of the surrounding area including the main Worcester Road is still an alcohol free zone. If you are seen by the police drinking alcohol in this area it will be confiscated and further action will follow in the event of any anti social behaviour. Patrols are being increased.

WARNING

There has been an increase in thefts of and from vehicles in this area. The police are advising everyone not to leave valuable items in cars; to make sure cars are secure and to make sure windows and doors at home are kept securely locked as properties have been broken into just to steal car keys.

PLANNING

In December and January the Council looked at the following applications:

We had no objections to 08/0983 40 Summervale Road; 08/0979 The Meadows, Wychbury Drive; 08/0959 and 09/0010 both 11 Worcester Road;

08/1066 and 08/1065, both 6 Station Road, but there should be a condition regarding matching materials in this conservation area;

08/1006 66 Kidderminster Road and 09/0007 10 Sweetpool Lane.

We did object to the application 08/0944 Dial House / Coach House. As with previous applications for similar alterations at this address we consider the proposals inappropriate, obstructing a pathway.

COUNCILLOR STEPS DOWN

Councillor Mrs Pat Wilkins has resigned from the council as she is moving away from the area. Mrs Wilkins has been a great asset to the council, hard working and committed to helping the people of Hagley. She will be very much missed. We would like to thank her for all her efforts and we wish her all the best for the future.

DIARY DATE

The Annual Meeting of Hagley Parish Council will be at the Community Centre on Monday 16th March at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome; further details on the Notice Board and website.

Catherine Humphries

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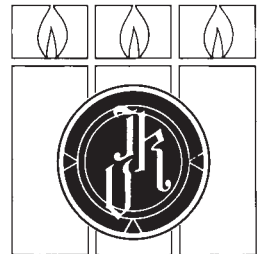
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worse by residents putting garden rubbish in the stream. Our local farmer has now spent a lot of time clearing the stream bed and we ask the cooperation of residents in keeping it clear.

DOG FOULING

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Peter Harris

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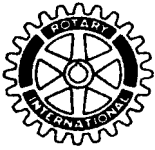
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An Ambassadorial Scholar, Hannah Johnson, from Seattle, USA, gave an illustrated talk about her schooling and her short career in Washington, where she was helping the Democrats win the recent election. Sponsored by Rotary International, she is attending a Coventry University course on politics, peace and reconciliation. Roger Johnston gave a most interesting talk on his trip to Antarctica, including superb photos of the scenery and wildlife.

Why not come and join us at our Cabaret night?

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AFTERNOON W.I.



The New Year began with a thought provoking talk by Pat Smart on "What is a Family?" She outlined the changes in family life not only in recent years but comparing them with past ages. The influence of different cultures was examined together with their values which are often very different from what is thought of as a typical British family. The talk made members think about the family and about respecting family ideals from other cultures rather than, perhaps, being critical.

Members now look forward to a year of continuing traditional but also trying new things. Day Schools on Calligraphy, Sugar Craft, Patchwork and Christmas Crafts are in the planning stage. It is hoped that members from other WIs in the Hagley Group may take part in the morning ceremony.

Something for everyone in this year so why not join us? Meetings are on the 2nd Monday in each month (the third Monday in April) at 2.00 p.m. at Hagley Community Centre. All ladies welcome as visitors or prospective members. For more information contact the undersigned on 885215.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

January, a very cold miserable month, has come and gone and we are now looking forward to a very happy and busy few months; fun and friendship being the spirit of the WI.

In February, the Hagley Group held the Pancake Lunch, and a very enjoyable time was had by everyone who attended. The speaker John Cooper, talked about catering at sea; I'm so glad that I only have one small kitchen to look after.

We have several good speakers and outings arranged for the future, and that makes the summer seem closer.

A Creative and Activities Day has been arranged for May to be held at Blakedown Village Hall. A day of display and demonstrations, so we all must get our thinking caps on; although this is not a competitive day, we all like to show what we can do. If this interests you in any way do get in touch with the contact numbers 882875 or 720219. We all look forward to meeting you.

Pauline Harris

LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

Our meeting for March 26th promises another interesting talk. Mrs. S. Price will tell us about The Children's Society - originally named the Waifs and Strays Society. I vividly remember my Mother's collecting box sitting in the middle of her bedroom mantelpiece ready for any loose change she could spare as she was an orphan when very young. Our AGM will take place on 23rd April and after lunch and Probus matters have been dealt with Mrs Pat Smart will read some poetry entitled "Blue Remembered Hills". Please come and join us at the Granary Hotel, Mustow Green at 12.00 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. Please contact me for details on 885226.

Win Long

CLUB REPORTS

ART CLUB - in our 20th year



2009 celebrates the 20th year of the club. Our first meeting was in January 1989; little did we know then that the club would be thriving after so many years. Membership originally started with those interested in Hagley, now members come from a much wider area. The club meets on the second Friday evening each month in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley.

In the community, we extended our activities giving guidance to day patients at Mary Stevens Hospice in much needed therapy. The club also gives prize awards to the best art students each year at Haybridge High School. For more details of our activities come to one of our meetings as a visitor for a small charge.

HAGLEY ART CLUB CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



The March meeting will be a demonstration and talk by artist Tim Nash, this will be Friday evening 13th March at 7.30 p.m. We now move on to the next anniversary.

Alan Pritchard, Hon President.

Pictured left: Founder members who formed the first committee - Alan Pritchard; Anne Garth; Beryl Coates; Gordon Sturridge. One member absent in the picture - Joyce Rooke.



GARDENERS' CLUB

Our Annual Social Evening was a good start to 2009 thanks to the hard work of Judy Ilif and her team. A good meal followed by a very interesting talk 'My Plaice – Our Story', the background and story behind the success of our very own Fish and Chip shop in Hagley.

We are looking forward to the talk on March 25th – A Journey to the Peak District to hear about the 'Well Dressings' by Keith Orchard-Robinson. It will liven us up after surviving a very cold winter and hopefully put us in the mood for flowers, plants and gardening with spring in the air.

The list of Outings will be available so don't forget to bring your diaries to make sure that you can join us on our days out. Visitors welcome to all our meetings. Join us and have an interesting evening amongst friends. Information - tel: 01562 777014.

Judy Berrow

CLUB REPORTS



HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Those who braved the weather to attend the Society's January meeting were well rewarded for their efforts. Following Chairman Ray Porter's welcome, we were treated to three superb presentations from members of the Society's Research Group.

Setting the scene was Irene Oliver, who told us something of the origins and activities of the Group. Started in 1990, its members were recruited from those with an interest and who were prepared to get their hands dirty! Profits from the sales of publications had funded further projects and Irene brought examples of many of the papers and booklets produced by the Group.

Don Freeth then talked about one of the Group's projects that had focussed on the names on the Hagley war memorial. From World War 1 we learned about the Gough brothers who had joined the Worcestershire Regiment on the same day and who died within six months of each other in 1918. Don's next account was of the Goodwin brothers who had joined the RAF and who both lost their lives in 1940.

Finally, the Group's founder, Tom Pagett gave a detailed insight into Bell Hall Chapel. Tom explained some of the history of this building which had been started in around 1130. Using detailed photographs, we learned not only what had happened to the building over the centuries but how the archaeologists had come to their conclusions.

Meetings are held in St. Saviour's Church Hall on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

Alan Atkinson



TREFOIL GUILD

The games evening in January was a great success. We had dutifully brought along various board games, but before a debate on their various merits could begin, someone said "I'd like to play Beetle". Someone brave enough to come out of the closet and admit to enjoying that most derided of games! We did not argue. Brought low by a long winter and general dis-ease we meekly acquiesced. And it was fun. We will do it again; in two or three years' time.

On March 12th we meet for our Annual Dinner. Friends come too and it is always a most enjoyable evening.

Elizabeth Gingell

Flower Arrangement Society

Our meeting this month will be held at the Community Centre on Monday 30th March commencing 7.30 p.m. and our demonstration will be by Lorena Dyer entitled "Memories are Made of This". We are a very friendly Club and visitors are always welcome to join us – why not give us a try!

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You can see how this mayhem develops in ‘Allo ‘Allo at the Community Centre on Thurs 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March. The doors open at 7.00 p.m. and the action starts at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Ticket Secretary Susan Dean on 01562 884906 or from the village shops Paddock Butchers and the Co-op Pharmacy and are priced £6.00 with £5.00 concessions. See you there!

Rene Artois

STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS CLUB

After the excitement of various speaking contests, we are now back into the main thrust of our activities as a speakers’ club, that is to help people to become more confident and effective when speaking or presenting, whether for business or pleasure. Whatever your skill or experience level, you will learn a huge amount by joining us. Why don’t you come along to one of our meetings to see what we do? We meet every other Monday evening in the Bell Hotel, on the junction of Market Street and Bell Street in Stourbridge. Our meetings this month are on the 2nd, 16th and 23rd, all starting promptly at 8.00 p.m.

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Dance students have performed in successful showcases and the Voices and Visions Festival at Droitwich High School. They will visit the popular exhibition “Move It” at the London Olympia on 7 March.

43 pupils enjoyed a residential weekend of music making at Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire. Year Ten students took part in a song writing workshop. The winners of the Pop Icons competition will spend a day at Base Studios in Stourbridge to record their song.

Drama students saw performances of Ben Johnson’s classic Jacobean comedy of manners, “Volpone”, Samuel Becket’s “Waiting for Godot”, Bertolt Brecht’s “The Exception and the Rule”, Brian Friel’s “Dancing at Lughnasa”, Willy Russell’s “Blood Brothers” and “The Woman in Black”.

As part of our preparation for the new diplomas, some year 8 pupils were taken to a Diploma Roadshow at Worcester Rugby Club and the whole staff joined with teachers from Haybridge High School for a DCSF 14 – 19 briefing session.

To encourage reading, the English Department purchased a selection of books for a weekly “book worms” reading group.

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V. Shaw

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Our return to school in January saw the publication of our Ofsted report. Our research has shown that although a number of schools receive ‘outstanding’, it is exceptional for a school to be awarded grade 1 in all areas. As ever, the students were the greatest strength of the school and we were delighted by the pride which they showed in Haybridge.

“Students are confident but modest, take their work seriously but also contribute to making learning fun. Inspectors observed nothing but exemplary behaviour.” The inspectors acknowledged the hard work of staff and students in achieving success in external examinations: “Teaching and learning are outstanding.... Students leave having achieved exceptionally high standards in their examinations.”

The school’s sixth form was also graded as ‘outstanding’. All groups make outstanding progress and exceptional standards are achieved. High quality academic, course and careers guidance and support are continuous from the start.”

We are also delighted that Year 13 Students Hannah Phillip and Lucy Pauli have been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge respectively and that Robin Farmer has secured a place to study Architecture at Cambridge. Well done to all three. January also saw the publication of league tables which again placed us at the top of Worcestershire schools at Key Stages 4 and 5.

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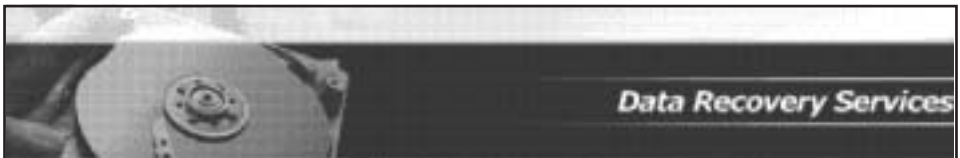
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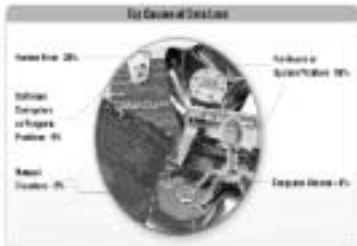
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Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
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8 March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Youth-led Service St Saviour's 5.00 pm
15 March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
22 March Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Family Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
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15th
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22nd Mothering Sunday
am Mother & Toddler
Family Service
pm Rev Mike Spencer

29th Passion Sunday
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Church Prayer Topic for the Month

The commercial life of the village,
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MARCH MEETINGS
IN CHURCH VESTRY
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3 March "The Passover"
17 March "The Last Supper"
31 March "Holy Communion"



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Recognising a mother's role in the nurture of children is obviously good, but so is the need to reflect on our roots and the traditions in which we were nurtured. Mothering Sunday this year is 22 March!

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

March Meetings at 8.00 p.m.

- 5th **Coseley Male Voice Choir**
"Songs to Please Everyone"
- 12th **Recycling and Composting in Hagley**
Illustrated talk - Mrs Racheal Kennit
- 19th **Annual General Meeting**

March 19th brings us to our AGM after a session of various talks and activities. Our thanks to our secretary Gwen for again arranging such a good programme. The AGM will be followed by a "Lite Bite" and some "home-made" entertainment.

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Pat Waite

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MONDAY 2

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Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Bell Hotel, Market Street, Stourbridge, 7.45p.m.

TUESDAY 3

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.
'Richard III - Man or Monster?'

THURSDAY 5

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 6

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 9

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00 p.m.
'Discovering Worcestershire Milestones'

TUESDAY 10

Hagley Wives' and Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.
'Bulgaria'

WEDNESDAY 11

Book Club

45 Sweetpool Lane 8.00 p.m.
'The Works of Pat Barker'

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Baxter College, Habberley Road, Kidderminster
'Great Houses of the West Midlands'

THURSDAY 12

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 13

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 16

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Followed by A.G.M. 8.00 p.m.
Stourbridge Speakers' Club
Bell Hotel, Market Street, Stourbridge 7.45 p.m.

TUESDAY 17

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 18

Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
'Meet Me in St. Louis'

THURSDAY 19

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 20

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 23

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

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TUESDAY 24

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 26

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

Ladies' Probus Club

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'The Children's Society'

FRIDAY 27

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 28

Clent Hills Singers

St. Saviour's 7.30 p.m.
'Spring Concert'

MONDAY 30

Flower Arrangement Society

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